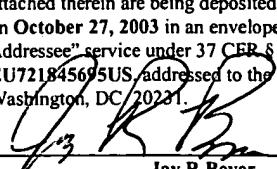


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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR § 1.53(b))**  
(Continuation, Divisional or Continuation-in-part application)

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:  
**Guenter W. Brune, Peter H. Hambling, John E. Mercer, Lloyd A. Moore, Shiu Sang Ng, and Rudolf Zeller**

For: **ESTABLISHING POSITIONS OF LOCATING FIELD DETECTORS AND PATH MAPPING IN  
UNDERGROUND BORING TOOL APPLICATIONS**

This application is a  Continuation       Divisional       Continuation-in-part of copending application 10/353,718, filed on **January 28, 2003**; which is a continuation of application 10/039,971, filed on **October 25, 2001**, and issued as patent **6,536,538 B2** on **March 25, 2003**; which is a continuation of application 09/845,238, filed on **April 30, 2001**, and issued as patent **6,364,035** on **April 2, 2002**; which is a continuation of application 09/324,221, filed on **June 1, 1999**, and issued as patent **6,250402** on **June 26, 2001**; which is a continuation-in-part of prior application **08/835,834** filed on **April 16, 1997**, and issued as patent **6,035,951** on **March 14, 2000**: from which priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 is claimed.

Application Elements:

- 38 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- 9 Sheets of **formal** Drawings
- 4 Declaration
  - Newly executed (original or copy)
  - Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) for a continuation or divisional). The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the declaration is herein supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
  - Deletion of inventors Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

Accompanying Application Parts:

- 2 Assignments and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheets (recording fee of \$80.00 authorized)
- Power of Attorney
- 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449     Copies of IDS Citations
- Preliminary Amendment (*New claims numbered after highest original claim in prior application.*)
- Return Receipt Postcard
- Small Entity Statement(s)     Statement filed in prior application. Status still proper and desired.
- Request and Certification under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
- Other:

Claim For Foreign Priority

- Priority of \_\_\_\_\_ Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.  
 The certified copy has been filed in prior application U.S. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 The certified copy will follow.

Extension of Time for Prior Pending Application

- A Petition for Extension of Time is being concurrently filed in the prior pending application. A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time is attached.

Amendments

- Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This is a

Continuation       Continuation-in-part       Divisional  
application of copending prior  
 Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
 International Application \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ which  
designated the United States,  
the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference."

- Cancel in this application original claims 1-24 and 51-70 of the prior application  
before calculating the filing fee. (*At least one original independent claim must be retained.*)

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

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INDEP CLAIMS	<u>2</u>	-03 =	<u>0</u>	x43 =	\$ 0	OR	x86 = \$
[ ] Multiple Dependent Claim Presented				\$145 = \$		OR	\$290 = \$
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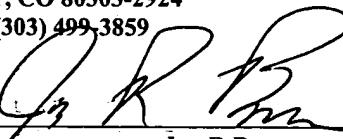
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General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed.

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